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TO: Iowa Medicaid Hospitals (excluding Indian Health Service Providers)

APPLIES TO: Managed Care and Fee-for-Service

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Updated Emergent Diagnosis Codes

EFFECTIVE: June 15, 2017

The IME maintains a list of diagnosis codes that are considered emergent. This list is used for the reimbursement of emergency room (ER) visits as described in [Informational Letter 1753](#)¹ issued on December 23, 2016. The IME has reviewed and updated the list of diagnosis codes which is available on the [Claims and Billing](#)² DHS web page. On a quarterly basis, beginning October 1, 2017, the ICD-10 emergent diagnosis list will be reviewed for any needed updates.

As a reminder, when billing diagnosis codes, the diagnosis code that is associated with the main reason for the visit should be the primary diagnosis, followed by diagnosis codes that describe any other conditions that affect member care, treatment or management.

[A list of the ICD-10 diagnosis codes considered emergent](#)³ are posted on the DHS website and reviewed quarterly.

If you have any questions, please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909, or by email at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.

¹ https://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/1753-MC-FFS_EmergencyRoomVisits-Reimbursement.pdf

² <http://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/providers/claims-and-billing>

³ https://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/ICD-10_Emergency_Dx-5.19.17.xlsx